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Quantum-Safe IT Services & Systems Integrators

Protecting traveling consultants, global delivery centers, and client data against quantum and AI-era threats — while turning security into a differentiated offering you can extend to your own clients.

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In this paper

1. Executive summary

IT services firms and systems integrators face a dual mandate. Internally, they must protect a globally distributed workforce — consultants who work remotely or travel to client sites, and developers based in global delivery centers — from quantum-era attacks targeting client intellectual property. Externally, they are under pressure to help their own clients meet emerging post-quantum cryptography (PQC) and AI-security mandates, ideally with a partner who doesn't just advise on quantum readiness but supplies the infrastructure.

iBlades gives IT services firms and integrators a "Zero Trust, Zero Plaintext" architecture that replaces latency-heavy legacy VPNs, secures the "consultant on the go," and provides

a deployable, high-margin technology wedge for quantum advisory, secure cloud, and industrial OT security offerings.

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2. The 2026 threat landscape

Harvest Now, Decrypt Later (HNDL)

When a consultant connects to hotel Wi-Fi in an unfamiliar location using a standard software VPN, the encrypted tunnel is vulnerable to metadata analysis and HNDL capture. A breach of a single consultant's device can compromise an entire client engagement, and the underlying data — deal terms, source code, strategic plans — often needs to stay confidential for years, well within the window quantum computers are expected to become a practical decryption threat.

AI-accelerated attacks

AI-powered attacks run at machine speed — discovering vulnerabilities in minutes, probing thousands of APIs and services at once, and mapping trust relationships to move laterally after a foothold. Against AI-driven delivery platforms, **data poisoning** (tampering with training or analytics data) becomes a threat to service quality and client trust, not just a data-confidentiality concern.

> **The real target is complexity.** AI attacks feed on exposed APIs, admin consoles, VPN concentrators, and remote-access paths. Reducing that software surface does more to stop them than adding another software layer.

Offshore delivery centers and vendor-fragmented edges

Firms routinely stand up dedicated delivery centers for individual client engagements, requiring strict physical and digital isolation that is costly and complex to replicate for a remote workforce. At the same time, remote branches and client sites often run a patchwork of VPN, firewall, SD-WAN, and network-access vendors — a fragmented edge that raises operating cost and inconsistently enforces security policy.

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3. The iBlades architecture

One hardware-anchored, quantum-ready fabric, built on NIST-standardized post-quantum cryptography (ML-KEM for key exchange, ML-DSA/Dilithium for signatures; FIPS 203/204) with keys generated locally and rotated autonomously.

- **NetTron™** — a zero-trust, quantum-safe overlay that replaces heavy VPN concentrators. Operating as a peer-to-peer mesh, it removes the bottleneck of central gateways, reduces latency for remote developers, and enforces strict, identity-based access control at the packet level.
- **GuardTron™** — a plug-and-play hardware edge node that turns any home office or client site into an "instant delivery center." A developer connects to the node and is immediately inside a cryptographically secure enclave, invisible to the public internet, with no complex firewall rules required.
- **ManoTron™** — hardware-secured mobile communications for traveling consultants and senior leadership. It physically isolates a device's radios and routes traffic through a hardware-encrypted, anonymized tunnel before it touches the cellular network — protecting location and content from targeted surveillance in unfamiliar or high-risk locations.

AI-resilient by design

- **Reduced attack surface** — fewer exposed interfaces, concentrators, and agents for AI to probe.
- **Hardware-anchored trust** — trust rooted in dedicated hardware that can't be scanned or manipulated like software.
- **Cryptographic isolation** — blocks AI-driven lateral movement even after a compromise.
- **A resellable offering** — a ready-to-embed, quantum-safe managed security layer that integrators can extend to their own clients, with centralized governance that integrates into existing SOC monitoring tools for single-pane-of-glass visibility.

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4. Regulatory & compliance mapping

Framework	Requirement	How iBlades enables it
NIST PQC (FIPS 203/204)	Migration to quantum-safe algorithms	Native ML-KEM / ML-DSA across the fabric

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SOC 2 Type II	Trust-services controls for service providers	Automated cryptographic logging and audit-ready trails
ISO 27001	Information security management	Zero-trust access, immutable audit trails
DORA (EU)	Resilience of ICT critical third parties	Self-healing mesh that maintains uptime through ISP outages
NIS2 (EU)	Cyber-resilience obligations for service providers	Hardware-isolated remote access for consultants and delivery teams

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5. A low-risk pilot path

- **Select** a defined group — a set of consultants traveling to sensitive locations, or a single delivery team on a high-security engagement.
- **Deploy** ManoTron cases to the traveling group and GuardTron nodes to the delivery team — a fast install with no changes to production systems.
- **Validate** ease of deployment ("zero-touch"), latency impact, and security efficacy compared to the existing VPN.
- **Demonstrate** post-quantum key rotation and audit evidence, then extend the model as a resellable offering to clients.

Ready to secure your consultants and delivery centers?

Request a briefing to see how a low-risk pilot would work in your environment.

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